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In re application of: Kameshwar Poola

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR EQUIPMENT MATCHING AND
CHARACTERIZATION

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AMENDMENT A: RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

April 12 2006

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

20 Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 11/17/2005, enclosed are:

21 Pages Amendment A containing Specification Amendments, Claim
Amendments, and Remarks;2 Sheets of Replacement Figures;

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2 Sheets of Corrected Signed Declaration and Power of Attorney;1 Return receipt postcard.

The Office Action dated 11/17/2005 indicates claims 1-20 are pending, of which
claims 1-12 are withdrawn, claims 13-19 are rejected, and claim 20 is allowed.

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The following remarks, amendments, and replacement drawings are presented
so as to provide justification for withdrawing the rejections and objections listed in the
Office Action. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully
requested in light of the remarks, amendments, and drawings. Please enter the
following Drawing Amendments, Specification Amendments, and Claim Amendments.

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In the event that the present invention is not in condition for allowance for any
reasons, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative at
(408) 396-1112 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a
condition for allowance.

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